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that which the Governor suggests and that's what we're doing here today. The improvement is to bracket the bill. I thought Senator Brown made a very important point that I'd...with your permission I'd like to emphasize. We act like somehow these are grants of billions and billions of dollars. I haven't heard anybody mention that under these, what the opponents would have you call noncontracts, we have had any number of companies that failed to meet the terms and conditions of the contract. What? Did they donate back \$19 million? No. Under the terms and conditions of the contract which they agreed to, they failed to meet the terms and conditions and the state of Nebraska made them pay back, in cash, \$19 million. That doesn't sound like a grant and a handshake and a pact. That sounds like a contract. We have compelled businesses to return, in cash, \$19 million of recapture. We have taken from credits that businesses claimed, \$3 million of recaptured credits...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...that we've denied them. Those are the things that tell you, instinctively, this is not patty-cake, patty-cake. This is law and contracts. I'd like to just briefly mention that the last time we all checked, government was of and by and for the people. That includes the University of Nebraska. That includes the political subdivisions. This isn't some sort of a coequal relationship so that the business community, who are residents and citizens of the state of Nebraska, who engage in an activity for profit that provides jobs for people who can then pay tax to support their government, this is not some sort of an equation in which business, as some sort of bad guy, must feel some sort of pain along with the government they created to serve them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear, you may continue. You're the next light.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. So I think we need to keep it in perspective. There is the private sector; there's the public sector, and we aren't all coequal parties here. We're servants. I would like, for the record, to assure you that you need not be intimidated by the